

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response, withdraw the pending rejections, and pass the above-identified application to issue.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows.

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

R1
6. (amended) A method for treating obesity in a mammal by [which comprises] reducing the biological activity of HMGI genes in the mammal which comprises the steps of administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an inhibitor compound to inhibit the protein-protein interactions of HMGI proteins.

A2
23. (amended) A method for regulating growth and development of adipose tissue in a mammal by [which comprises] reducing the biological activity of HMGI genes in the mammal which comprises the steps of administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an inhibitor compound to inhibit the protein-protein interactions of HMGI proteins.

Kindly delete claims 16 and 29.